Judgement on appointment

1742. SHRI AMAR SINGH:
SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA:
Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether in a recent landmark judgement if a candidate from the reserved category applies for an appointment in the general category, he cannot thereafter apply for the reserved category and *vice-versa;*

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): (a) to (c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Assistance to missing pension holder's family

†1743 SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether regular financial assistance cannot be provided to the spouse or heirs of missing Pension-holders Government employee before seven years since the date of his going missing;

(b) if not, whether one-third pension-salary could be given to his family in case the police issue missing and not found certificate after two years considering that the period is far too long and the destitute family has to worry and search for the missing family head and at the same time face hardship; and

(c) whether the stipulated seven years period could be reduced to five years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): (a) to (c) Instructions already exist that when a Central Government pensioner disappears leaving his family, family pension at normal rate would be sanctioned after lapse of a period of one year, from the date of lodging of FIR, subject to the following conditions:

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(i) The family must lodge a report with the concerned Police Station and obtain a report that the pensioner has not been traced after all efforts had been made by the police.

(ii) An indemnity Bond should be taken from the nominees/ dependants of the pensioner that all payments will be adjusted against the payments due to the pensioner in case he apears on the scene and makes any claim.

Family pension accrues to the family from the date of lodging of FIR with Police.

Second Administrative Reform Commission

1744. DR. NARAYAN SINGH MANAKLAO: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 2nd Administrative Reform Commission has been constituted on 31st August, 2005 to suggest measures for comprehensive administrative reform within one year of its constitution;

(b) if so, the details of the work undertaken, so far, *vis-a-vis* each item of its mandate;

(c) whether the Commission will prioritize any item of the mandate and submit an Interim Report for early implementation; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) The Commission has started deliberations on its mandated Terms of Reference. To begin with, the Commission has short-listed four items *viz.*, Strengthening of Financial Management System, Freedom of Information, Crisis Management and Public Order for extensive analysis and reports. On these subjects, the Commission has undertaken several rounds of meetings and discussions with institutes/organizations having expertise in the relevant areas and has prepared a detailed road-map for organizing workshops, seminars, brainstorming sessions, public hearing etc. on them. The Commission intends finalizing its reports on these issues in a few months.